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Applicants	Marc R. Amling, <i>et al.</i>
Serial No. 10/034,273	Filing Date: December 28, 2001
Title of Application:	Replaceable Hardware Component of a Camera Control Unit for Video Systems
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**Petition to Claim Benefit of Earlier Filing Date
and Cross-References to Other Applications**

U.S. Application No. 10/034,273 failed to claim the benefit of and cross-reference U.S. Patent Application No. 10/039,931 within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2). Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), Applicants are submitting this Petition to properly identify the prior-filed application.

Applicant hereby petitions to claim the benefit of and cross-reference a prior filed patent application.

1. Petition Fee. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(t), enclosed is a check in the sum of \$1,300.00. If there is any fee deficiency, please charge Account No. 19-4516.

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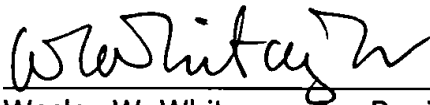

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2. **Proposed Preliminary Amendment.** The proposed Preliminary Amendment to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/034, 273 is enclosed to amend to specification to claim the benefit of and cross-reference the prior-filed application.

3. **Statement.** Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), enclosed is a Statement stating the delay in claiming the benefit of and cross-referencing the prior-filed application was entirely unintentional.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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